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FM AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED OVER HIGH FREQUENCY
RADIO FROM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE. QUOTE:

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNKNOWN

SUBJ: SECURITY OF AMERICANS

1. THANKS TO COURAGE OF SEVERAL MEMBERS STAFF, WE
HAVE THIS MORNING EXTRACTED AMERICAN WOMEN AND
CHILDREN FROM DANGEROUS ZONE IN AREA OF DISSIDENT
ARMED POLICE CAMP IN TANANARIVE. THIS INCLUDES
MRS MENDENHALL WITH WHOM EMBASSY WAS OUT
OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALMOST 18 HOURS BECAUSE OF
POWER TELEPHONE AND RADIO FAILURE AT RESIDENCE.

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2. ONLY REMAINING AMERICANS IN DANGEROUS ZONE TO OUR
KNOWLEDGE ARE MARINES WHO, GUARDING RESIDENCE AGAINST
POSSIBLE LOOTING, AND REPPAS, AMERICAN WHO LEFT PRISON
NEXT TO DISSIDENT POLICE CAMP AND TOOK REFUGE IN
HOUSE OF FRENCHMAN ABOUT 200 YARDS FROM CAMP.
WE BELIEVE IT BETTER LEAVE REPPAS IN RELATIVE SECURITY
THAN ENDANGER STAFF BY SENDING THEM IN SO CLOSE TO CENTRAL
POINT OF FIRING.

3. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, ALL AMERICANS IN
TANANARIVE SAFE. MENDENHALL UNQUOTE STEVENSON

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